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MERRITT & SORENSEN. 'BULBS OF MERRITT'.
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1940 RETAIL PRICE LIST FOR DAHLIA TUBERS. To get the best results from your Dahlia tuber be sure you buy from a reliable dealer, then follow given directions. 'BULBS OF MERRITT' are sold only to those dealers who want you to have the best results. Dahlias like the sun. Plant $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. apart and 6 in. deep in sandy soil or $3\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 in. deep in heavy soil. Large flowering types usually need support so after laying the tuber flat with eye up drive your stake near the neck, firm well and cover with soil. (Pompoms and miniatures do not usually need support). Water well at planting then sparingly if any until the shoot appears (about 4 weeks). when watering may be resumed. If the shoot does not show investigate, remembering that too much water or water pockets will cause tubers to rot. Start cultivating soon after shoot appears, the fibrous roots are near the surface. When buds appear you may start fertilizing and dis-budding if you want long stems. Those fertilizers which contain phosphates and potash are best, such as 'PLANT-CHEM', although compost, manure or peat help to feed the plant and to retain the moisture.

Abbreviations indicating classifications-I.D., informal decorative; FD. Formal decorative; SC. semi-Cactus; B. Ball; Min. Miniature.

AMBASSADOR (SC) -	Soft amber pink and salmon, yellow centre.....	\$ 1.00
AMELIA EARHART (SC) -	Apricot buff shading to orange .....	.75
AMERICAN LEGION (ID) -	Soft yellow .....	.75
ANGELO ROSSI (FD) -	Large flowers of soft orange yellow	1.00
ARCTURAS (ID) -	Red and gold with yellow reverse. Good Keeper ..	.50
AZURA (ID) -	Rosy lilac - bluish violet sheen, good stems	2.00
BAGDAD (ID) -	Flaming scarlet .....	.75
BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (C) -	finest white produced to date	1.50
BALLET GIRL (C) -	Orange tipped white .....	.50
BEN HASKINS (C) -	Golden yellow	2.00
BERGER'S JEWELL (C) -	White tinted lavender	1.00
BETTE DAVIS (SC) -	Clear violet rose. Consistent Prize Winner ..	1.25
BETTY COLTER (ID) -	Large salmon red. A beautiful flower .....	.75
BIG BEN (B) -	Bright red. A show dahlia and a Good Keeper ..	.40
BLACK DIAMOND (B) -	Deepest Maroon, almost black .....	.40
BLACK JACK (ID) -	Deep Maroon on long stems .....	.50
BLUE RIVER(FD) -	The nearest to a blue dahlia	1.00
BUCKEYE KING (FD) -	Glowing amber yellow. Wins many prizes .....	.75
CALIFORNIA IDOL (ID) -	One of the finest yellow.(Gold Medal) ..	1.00
CAMEO (FD) -	Coral pink .....	.75
CAPRICE (ID) -	Golden yellow shading to pink. Best Keeper ..	.50
CAROLINE HAMILTON. (SC) -	Pink and gold .....	.75
CALVACADE (FD) -	Deep rose. A good cut flower .....	.75
CHAMPOEG (ID) -	Waxy yellow-shades to rose red .....	.60
CHAS. G. REED (ID) -	Perunia red .....	.75
CIRCE (C) -	Pink with white center, pointed petals .....	.60
CLARA CARDER (ID) -	Cyclamen pink. A show and garden winner ..	1.50
CLARA CLEMENS (B) -	Bright red - tipped white .....	.50
C. M. STEGMAN (C) -	Dark maroon on fine stems .....	.75
CONQUISTADOR (SC) -	Creamy yellow with pink glow .....	.50
DAN CORNISH (B) -	Dark red .....	.50
DOROTHY STONE (ID) -	Large and beautiful pink .....	.50
DIXIE RAVENSCROFT (ID)-(SC)-	Russet orange - bright gold reverse	1.00
DRESDEN (FD) -	Lavender .....	.75
EAGLE ROCK FANTASY (FD) -	Mallow pink to silver .....	.50
		.60

EL GRANADA (SC) - Orange with gold reverse	.75
ELEGANCE (SC) - Golden yellow	1.00
ELINOR VANDEVEER (FD) - Rose pink on stiff stems. Heavy bloomer	.40
EMILY DUNCAN (C) - Pink with white tips	1.00
ESMOND (B) - Yellow	.50
FULL MOON (ID) - Immense canary yellow	.75
FOREST FIRE (ID) - Scarlet suffused golden yellow	1.00
FRANK HAVENER (B) - Royal purple	.50
FRANK SERPA (ID) - Pale amaranth pink of two tones effect	.75
FRANK BRACHT (SC) - Light yellow	.75
GALAXY (C) - Golden buff - speckled crimson. Unusual	1.00
GERTRUDE EDERLE (SC) - Giant primrose yellow on fine stems	1.00
GLORY OF LYONS (B) - Pure white	.50
GOLDEN AGE (SC) - Amber. A Best Keeper	1.50
GOLDEN STANDARD (SC) - New golden buff shaded amber and gold	.75
GREATER GLORY (C) - Beautiful rose pink	1.50
HILLCREST MANDARIN (ID) - red and yellow	.50
HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (ID) Cerise purple. Honor Roll	.75
H. R. S. (ID) Golden yellow	.50
IVORY (ID) - Creamy white	.40
JANE COWL (ID) - Bronzy buff and old gold. Still a favorite	.40
JEAN TRIMBEE (SC) - Rich petunia violet	.50
JERSEY'S DAINTY (C) - White tinged with glisteny lavender	.75
KATHLEEN NORRIS (ID) - Light pink. A Prize Winner	1.00
KAWEAH (ID) - Deep cerise	.75
KAY FRANCIS (SC) - Large yellow	1.00
KEMP'S WHITE WONDER (ID) - Beautiful white	.75
KING ALFRED (ID) - Ruby red with silver reverse	2.00
LA FIESTA (ID) - Gold striped orange. Good for landscape	.75
LAWRENCE TIBBITS (ID) - Salmon	.75
LEIDEN'S BRONZE (C) - Best bronze	1.50
LORAC (C) - Pink with white reverse	1.50
LORD OF AUTUMN (ID) - Deep yellow. A Best Keeper	1.25
MABEL ELIZABETH (FD) - New pure white on stiff stems	2.00
MARGRACE (ID) - Red with gold reverse	.75
MARION BROOMALL (SC) - Violet rose shading lighter at tips	1.00
MARYLAND GLORY (FD) - Orange shades crimson carmine	.50
MDM. MARIE AGNOSTAKA (B) - Pale pink with darker centre	.50
MIDWEST CHAMPION (ID) - Pink	1.00
MILTON J. CROSS (ID) - Golden bronze. Blooms 14 to 15 in. across	1.25
MISS GLORY (SC) - Soft apricot yellow. Free and early bloomer	1.50
MISS GRACE NEILL (FD) - Buff	5.00
MISS OHIO (C) - Lilac suffused deep rose pink	1.75
MINNIE MARDEN (C) - Remarkable flower of coral pink	.50
MONMOUTH CHAMPION (FD) - Flaming scarlet orange on good stems	.50
MRS. A. B. SEAL (ID) - Rich glowing old rose on good stems	.60
MRS. BRUCE COLLINS (C) - yellow	.75
MRS. CHAS. G. REED (FD) - Pure white	.50
MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER (ID) - Deep crimson on long stems	.75
MRS. IDA CHASE (C) - bright lemon yellow and spinal pink	2.00
MRS. HERBERT O'CONNOR (ID) - rosy pink shading deeper	2.00
MRS. R. B. HAMILTON (SC) - Large white	.50
MRS. RUFUS DAWES (ID) - Rose pink	.75
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE (ID) - Dark red, never burns in the sun	1.00
OAKLEIGH MONARCH (FD) - Best cerise red of immense size	1.00
ORIENTAL BEAUTY (SC) - True pink with twisted petals	.75
ORIENTAL GLORY (ID) - Orange overlaid with scarlet	.75
PALO ALTO (SC) - Salmon and gold	.75
PHYLLIS HARPER (ID) - pink with lavender sheen	.75
QUEENA (SC) - New buff shade	1.00
QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL (FD) - Primrose yellow	.50

RED LION (FD) - Crimson	.....	.50
ROSEMARY (B) - Pure white	.....	.50
RUBY TAYLOR (FD) - Large flower of velvety carmine	.....	.50
SADKA (FD) - Fine pink	.....	.50
SATAN (SC) - Brilliant carmine - touch of gold	.....	.50
SNOW QUEEN (B) - Pure white. Good cut flower	.....	.50
SHILLER (C) - Rich cerise	.....	1.50
SONNY BOY (ID) - Giant rose and gold on long stem	.....	1.00
SPOTLIGHT (ID) - Pale sulphur yellow. Twisted petals	.....	.75
TAHOMA, (B) - Shell pink with white tips	.....	.50
THE COMMODORE (ID) - Lemon yellow on good stems	.....	.75
THE FIREMAN (ID) - Cardinal red with gold tips	.....	.60
THOS. EDISON (FD) - Royal purple with velvet sheen	.....	.50
TREASURE ISLAND (FD) - Apricot and gold with rose suffusion	..	1.25
WAWONA (ID) - Buff	.....	.50
WENOKA (ID) - Apricot and rose	.....	1.00

POMPOM DAHLIAS

25c each; 6 for \$ 1.25

AIMEE - Tiny bronze, long stem
 BANTAM - Brownish red, small
 CHEERFULNESS - Old gold, tips crimson
 CLARA HARSH - Cream yellow, red blend
 DEE DEE - Small lilac lavender
 EDWARD - Cherry red, perfect blooms
 GIRLIE - Rosy lilac, long stems
 GLOW - Light old rose
 JOE FETTE - best pure white
 TOM THUMB - Tiny garnet

LOLITA - Yellow, brownish eye
 LLOYD HICKMAN - old rose, long stem
 MAJOR - Old rose
 MARY MUNNS - Fuschia, orchid sheen
 NELLIE FRAZIER - White, tipped pink
 PHYLLIS - Yellow edged red
 ROSA WILMOUTH - Rose pink, long stems
 ROSEBUD - pink, shading to white
 TOMMY KEITH - crimson tipped white
 YELLOW GEM - Pure yellow, excellent

POMPOM DAHLIAS

35c each; 6 for \$ 1.75

BEE BEE - Dark pink shading lighter
 BETTY ANN - Lovely soft violet rose
 BOSSY - Pure lavender, compact
 DANDY - small perfect orange
 DAREDEVIL - Apricot buff, old rose
 DAISY - Warm salmon rose
 DAWNING - White, flushed sheep pink
 DIMPLES - Golden apricot, brown center
 DONALD GORDON - burnt orange
 FLASH - Red, tips turn orange
 EUNICE - White, edged lavender

GERTRUDE - Glowing carmine red
 JOHNNIE PEPPIN - Small crimson red
 LITTLE BEESWING - Gold edged red
 MARIETTA - deep rosy crimson
 MRS. TAKA - Deep canary yellow
 PINK LADY - rose pink, deeper eye
 RUBY - Ruby red
 SUNSET - small bright orange
 TAKA'S PURPLE - Bright phlox purple
 " YELLOW - Deepest yellow
 HELEN ANITA - Lavender, white center

POMPOM DAHLIAS

50c each; 6 for \$ 2.50

ANNA VON SCHWERIN - Shell pink
 CANDY KID - Gold, suffused amber pink

DARKEST OF ALL - Maroon, almost black
 MORNING MIST - White, rosy lavender

POMPOM DAHLIAS 1940 INTRODUCTIONS 75c each; 6 for \$ 3.75

MARIE - New lavender on long stems

RED HEAD - good red, does not burn

MINIATURE (M) : COLLARETTE (COL.) : SINGLE

ABERDEEN (M.C) - Bright ox blood red	.....	.60 ea.
BABY ROYAL (M.SC) - (England) - Salmon pink shaded apricot	.....	.35 "
BOY BLUE (M.C) - Purple	.....	.75
BRIDAL BOUQUET (M.C) - White	.....	.75

CAROL CHANNING (M) - Deep apricot and yellow, perfect form	..	\$1.50 ea.
CORONNE (M.FD) - Waxy white resembling a gardenia	.....	.50
ELIZABETH PAPE (M.C) - Rosy salmon pink	.....	.35
GAIETY (M.D) - Red tipped white	.....	.50
GARDEN LOVE (M.SC) - Rose pink	.....	.75
GOLDEN CALIFORNIA - Yellow and amber, salmon shading	.....	.75
GOLDEN SUNSET (M.C) - <u>1940 INTRODUCTION</u> Yellow, gold border	..	3.50
IRENE (M.C) - Old rose shading to pink	.....	.35
JACKSON (M.C) - Black	.....	.75
KROONHILDEE (M.C) - Pink and white	.....	.75
LITTLE DREAM (M. C) - Pink with white tips, very dainty	..	.50
" JEWELL (M.C) - Clear delicate pink	.....	.35
" PEARL (M.D) - (EUROPEAN) - Lovely rose pink	.....	.50
" SNOW QUEEN (M.C) - (HOLLAND) - Pure white. One of best	..	.50
MARJORIE EMBERSON (ENGLISH) - soft clear pink	.....	.75
PELICANI (M.C) - Bright red on strong stem	.....	.35
PERSIMMON - Soft russet orange	.....	.50
RHODA (M.SC) - Salmon rose, lavender sheen	.....	.50
TEDDY BEAR (M) (HOLLAND) - Blood red-duplex petals	.....	.50
TWINKLE (ORCHID) - Tyrian rose and white	.....	.75
WHISPER (M.C) - Canary yellow	.....	.50
WINE DROP (M.D) - Tiny wine colored on excellent stems	..	.50
ABE HUGENARD (COL.) purple and white. White collar	.....	.50
DIOMEDE (COL.) - Carmine and white, lighter collar	.....	.50
FROGMORE (COL.) - Scarlet and yellow, yellow collar	.....	.50
NARANJA (SINGLE) - Pure orange	.....	.50
UNION JACK (SINGLE) - Red petals, white stripe	.....	.75

We have tried to price our Dahlias fairly. In case, however, our prices are thought to be out of line in comparison with other reputable dealers for the same high quality tubers, we should be glad to be advised and given an opportunity to meet the market prices.

Our Dahlia displays at Treasure Island won for us the coveted 'CERTIFICATE OF MERIT', presented by the State of California. To the many who visited our growing grounds, for their kind inquiries and words of commendation, for the praise from those who saw our displays in the 'Hall of Flowers', we say 'Thanks A Million'. You, too, can grow beautiful Dahlias. Why not place your order to-day while our stocks are complete.

Terms: Postage prepaid on orders for \$1.00 or more when cash accompanies the order. On smaller orders add 15c. All California buyers please add 3% for sales tax. No C.O.D. orders please.

Discounts: After your order is all made up and the above terms taken care of you may select additional tubers to the extent of 10% on orders from \$2 - to \$5; 15% on orders from \$5 to \$25; 20% on orders from \$25 to \$50; 25% on orders from \$50 up.

